

NOTES AND MEMORANDA

Members' Meetings

THE Annual General Meeting of the *Eugenics Society* will be held at the rooms of the Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W.1, on Tuesday, May 29th, at 4.15 p.m.

After the meeting, at 5 o'clock, there will be a lecture by Mr. Cyril Bibby, M.A., M.Sc., on "Sex Education: Aims, Possibilities and Plans."

Galton Chair of Eugenics

WE record with great pleasure the appointment of Dr. L. S. Penrose to the Galton Chair of Eugenics tenable at University College, London. Since 1939 Dr. Penrose has been attached to the Provincial Department of Health, Ontario, Canada, and in addition has been physician to the Ontario Hospital, lecturer in psychiatry in the University of Western Ontario, and medical statistician for the Province. Dr. Penrose contributed a paper on "Eugenic Prognosis with respect to Mental Deficiency" to the April 1939 issue of the REVIEW.

Family Planning Association

THE report of the Association for the year 1944 draws attention to the urgent need for reopening clinics that were closed in coastal districts and other evacuation areas and for organizing new clinics in suitable centres. At present there is as great an inequality in the matter of obtaining the best advice between those who live in the more and the less fortunate areas as there has been in the past between rich and poor.

Many clinics report an increase in patients and a particularly marked increase in women who have attended for advice on subfertility. Very large families are still among the reasons for seeking advice. Thus, one clinic reports a patient who had had seventeen pregnancies, and a Scottish clinic reports quite a number of families of from eight to thirteen children. Another noteworthy item in clinic reports is the return

for consultation of former patients who have successfully had planned pregnancies. One clinic mentions thirty-six such cases in the past year; another remarks on how very quickly patients conceived on ceasing to use the prescribed birth-control methods.

For Childless Wives

UNDER this title the Family Planning Association has published a first-rate pamphlet on the causes and treatment of subfertility. Adapted in style and content to the needs of the non-medical reader, it gives all the essential facts clearly yet in a remarkably small space. Doctors who recommend this pamphlet to patients seeking their advice on subfertility will find that most of the work of explaining the condition and the procedures they propose to adopt for its treatment has been done for them. The pamphlet is published by H. K. Lewis & Co., and may be obtained from booksellers for 2s. A cheaper edition, for sale through clinics and hospitals only, can be obtained from the Secretary of the F.P.A.

Education and the Birth Rate

IN a paper on "The Falling Birth Rate and Educational Policy" (*Journal of Education*, October 1944) Dr. A. Spencer Paterson advocates modifications in our educational system by which young people will be enabled to qualify in their occupation or profession at an earlier age than at present. "If a man has mastered an occupation by 21 or 23, it should be made possible for him to marry by 25 and not, as happens in the professions at present, some seven years later." Dr. Paterson argues that with this change there would come about a radical change in outlook on the begetting of children. "Hitherto a feeling of insecurity has induced many men to postpone marriage not merely until they had mastered a profession, but until they were prominent members of it. . . . In the future, however, it will be necessary for our national well-being that the man who

has mastered a skilled occupation or profession shall have the right to earn sufficient salary with family allowances to found a family of, say, four children after marrying at 25."

Artificial Insemination

MR. HERBERT BREWER'S lecture on the "Ethics of Artificial Insemination" arranged to take place on March 20th has been unavoidably postponed. It is hoped that this lecture will be given in the autumn.

Recent Additions to the Library

THE following books have been added to the Library since January 1945:

- Bibby, C. *Sex Education: A Guide for Parents, Teachers and Youth Leaders.* 1944. Pp. 291.
- Dollard, J. and others. *Frustration and Aggression.* 1944. Pp. 150.
- Fordham, M. *The Life of Childhood.* 1944. Pp. 154.
- Gloyne, S. R. *Social Aspects of Tuberculosis.* 1944. Pp. 148.
- Groves, E. and G. *Sex in Marriage.* 1934. Pp. 251. Presented by Dr. C. P. Blacker.
- Kinberg-von Sneidern, J. and Sundquist, A. *Sex Hygiene: The Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene of the Sex Organs.* 1927. Pp. 114. Presented by Dr. C. P. Blacker.
- Lazarfeld, S. *Rhythm of Life: A Guide to Sexual Harmony for Women.* 1934. Pp. 327. Presented by Dr. C. P. Blacker.
- Lindsey, B., and Evans, W. *The Companionate Marriage.* 1928. Pp. 396. Presented by Dr. C. P. Blacker.

Marr, G. S. *Sex in Religion: An Historical Survey.* 1936. Pp. 285. Presented by Dr. C. P. Blacker.

National Register. United Kingdom and Isle of Man. Statistics of Population on September 29th, 1939. Report and Tables. 1944. Pp. 164.

Norwood, C. E. *Nudism in England.* 1933. Pp. 48. Presented by Dr. C. P. Blacker.

Odum, H. W. *Race and Rumors of Race: Challenge to American Crisis.* 1943. Pp. 245.

Radzinowicz, L., and Turner, J. W. C. (Editors). *Mental Abnormality and Crime.* Essays by Various Authors. 1944. Pp. 316. Presented by Dr. Eliot Slater.

Registrar-General's Statistical Review for England and Wales for the Year 1938. Pt. 1, 1940, Pt. 2, 1944.

Registrar-General's Statistical Review for England and Wales for the Year 1939. Pt. 1, Pp. 338; Pt. 2, Pp. 130. 1944.

Registrar-General's Statistical Review for England and Wales for the Year 1940. Pt. 1, Pp. 341; Pt. 2, Pp. 94. 1944.

Richmond, W. V. *An Introduction to Sex Education.* 1936. Pp. 285. Presented by Dr. C. P. Blacker.

Scharlieb, M. *Straight Talks to Women.* 1923. Pp. 184. Presented by Dr. C. P. Blacker.

Sigerist, H. E. *Civilization and Disease.* 1944. Pp. 255.

Stapledon, O. *Old Man in New World.* 1944. Pp. 36.

Elections to the Society

THE following have been elected Members of the Society during the past quarter:

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| Mrs. Aldridge | Miss Catherine Lovesey |
| Dr. Louis D. Adamson | Major H. MacLennan |
| S. A. Barnett, Esq. | Sheard |
| Mrs. A. Lindsay Berry | Mrs. K. Sprigge |
| Leonard G. Butler, Esq. | Geoffrey Whitworth, |
| E. G. Colin, Esq. | Esq. |
| The Rev. J. H. Griffith | Miss Barker-Wyatt |